

## Scituate COVID19 Update Video Narrative

May 14, 2020

Thanks so much to all the groups who have been working so hard to support the community by putting up inspirational signs, delivering meals, and showing random acts of kindness.

COVID19 Cases: things continue to trend well. Two new cases. 93 cases overall. Life Care Center has over 50 positive; Cadigan Nursing has begun testing their residents. Our community number is different than State numbers; working to reconcile with BOH. Numbers are staying steady. Fast majority of people out of quarantine. Please keep social distancing and wearing your masks. Please police yourself and not others. Awaiting guidance from state on beach opening protocols.

Start opening is expected to be slow and in phases. Have not yet received guidance about what businesses will be allowed to open first.

June 13th Town Election. Open 9am-2pm. However, please download an application or come to town hall to get early voting ballot.

June 8th Town Meeting postponed. Likely to be postponed again. Town considering options to allow Town Meeting to go forward as soon as possible. Anticipate local aid reductions. Until we get news from State, we cannot properly revise our town budget for town meeting consideration. Until the budget is revised, we can operate with 1/12th budgets.

Marina opening 5/15 with safety rules announced and posted. Wearing a mask required on dock and launch. Only family members on boats. No tying up or rafting.

Golf Courses opened with safety restrictions.

Thanks to the Board of Health and Town Administrator for keeping on top of the most recent health advisories.

[sandshelps.org](http://sandshelps.org) is a collaboration of Scituate Community Christmas, Food Pantry, SANDS and others. Based in the Susan Phippen House, they are available to help. They have face masks and hand sanitizer available and vetted volunteers ready to help with shopping, trash removal, or any other assistance.

Food pantry distributed over 2,000 bags of food over the past seven weeks. They've received over 8,000 pounds of food from Greater Boston Food Bank. If you need a help with groceries, they are open to all. See website for details. Food Pantry is doing all this good work with just 12 volunteers.

Library continues to offer virtual books, movies, online classes, story hours and other services. The Friends of Scituate Library also are continually restocking free books available outside the Library main entrance.

Recovery Rocks virtual fundraiser being held this evening to support our recovery community.

BOS approved Scituate Loves Local campaign to be launched by EDC and a cooperative effort with the Chamber, Harbor and North Scituate merchant groups, business and community leaders, and EDC/BOS leadership.

Beach barriers will be removed next week. Working on safety protocols for the re-opening. Port-a-potties will be delivered but may not be open until all clear from State. Life guards will be on duty early.

Town Hall is not ready to be opened. Need to make physical changes to the space to make it safe. Most services can be found on-line. Shouldn't be too much longer before it can open.

Thanks to all the town employees who are working hard to provide resident services.

Monday's video may be delayed to wait for the Governors comments.